GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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ANTHRAX CASES IN A.P.
KAMBALAPADU E. KRISHNAMURTHY

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Anthrax disease has cuased death of a number of sheeps in the Kolleru lake area in West Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether any post-mortem tests have been conducted to confirm the disease;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the preventive steps taken/ being taken by the Government to check further spread of the disease?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that Anthrax disease has caused death of sheep in the villages situated around Kolleru Lake Area in West Godavari District.

(b): No, Sir. The disease was confirmed by laboratory examination.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): The sheep population at risk in the area have been given preventive vaccination against Anthrax. The State Government has also created awareness among the farmers regarding proper disposal of carcasses, and instructed the local veterinarians to be vigilant to check further spread of the disease.